SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know if the procurement by the producer-*cum*-consumer co-operative societies in Malabar during this year is favourable as compared with the procurement of last year? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There may be a slight difference; but on the whole, it has been all right."

Evacuee orphans from Burma, Malaya, etc.

* 28 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the evacuee orphans from Burma, Malaya, etc., are in receipt of allowances for their maintenance, school, medical and other expenses;

(*b*) whether the grant of these allowances will be continued even after the scheme of assistance to evacuees is abandoned;

(*c*) whether the Government have formulated any definite proposals containing arrangements for the care and maintenance of the evacuee children including facilities for their education, etc.; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the Table of the House their proposals in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government of India.

" (*d*) In view of the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*), the question does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that while the question of permanent allowances for helping these evacuee children are under the consideration of the Government of India, under instructions from the Government of India, the temporary allowances have been stopped and this fact has been brought to the notice of Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Whatever may be the permanent arrangements, do not Government realize that the stoppage of these temporary allowances would put these children to great hardship."

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" The Government do realize that and they are taking the matter with the Government of India again."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know how many Malaya children are in receipt of these allowances and how much is being disbursed by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice of that question."